

(b) if so, whether Cabinet Committee also raised the capacity on the Centre's contribution for development of destinations from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 25 crore and that of circuits from Rs. 8 crore to Rs. 50 crore for selectively identified circuits and destinations based on tourist traffic; and

(c) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The scheme is operational for implementation of mega tourism projects subject to *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Promotion of tourism in rural areas

†685. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government under various projects for promotion of tourism in rural areas of the country in the ensuing three years and the details of progress made so far in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that progress of these projects is far behind their target; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for achieving the said target?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI) : (a) Ministry of Tourism has been working towards development and promotion of identified rural sites having potential for tourism. The projects for tourism infrastructure development and capacity building are sanctioned based on the proposals received from the State Governments for such identified sites. The list of such projects taken up during 10th Five Year Plan is annexed as Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) The implementation of the projects sanctioned is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the monitoring of the implementation of sanctioned projects is done regularly to ensure timely completion.

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Statement**Central Financial Assistance for Development of each such village during 10th Five Year Plan**

State			Infrastructure Components (Rs. in Lakhs)		Capacity Building Components (Rs. in Lakhs)			
	Sl No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Andhra Pradesh	1	Pochampalli, Nalgonda Distt.	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	2	Konaseema Village, East Godavari Distt.	2003-04	50.00	50.00	—	—	—
	3	Puttaparthi, Ananthpur Distt.	2004-05	49.50	49.50	—	—	—
	4	Chinchinada, East Godavari Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	5	Srikalahasti, Chittoor Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh	6	Village Rengo, Distt. East Siang	2005-06	49.62	39.69	—	—	—
	7	Ligu Village, Distt. Upper Subansiri	2006-07	46.00	36.80	2006-07	20.00	16.00
	8	Village Ego Nikte, Distt. West Siang	2006-07	46.50	37.20	2006-07	20.00	16.00
3. Assam	9	Durgapur, Distt. Golaghat	2002-03	46.83	14.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	10	Dehing-Patakai Kshetra, Distt. Tinsukia	2004-05	44.33	35.46	—	—	—
	11	Sualkuchi in Kamrup Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00	2004-05	19.95	15.96
	12	Village Asharikandi, Distt. Dhubri	2005-06	48.97	39.17	—	—	—
4. Bihar	13	Nepura Village, Distt. Nalanda	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5. Chhattisgarh	14	Village Chitrakote, Distt. Bastar	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	15	Village Chitrakote, Distt. Bastar	2003-04	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	16	Champaran, Distt. Raipur	2003-04	50.00	15.00	—	—	—
	17	Nagamar, Distt. Bastar	2003-04	48.00	38.40	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	18	Kondagaon, Distt. Bastar	2005-06	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	19	Mana-Tuta, Distt. Raipur	2006-07	50.00	40.00	2006-07	20.00	16.00
6. Delhi	20	Kotla Mubarakpur	2003-04	09.78	09.78	—	—	—
	21	Nangli, Razapur, Delhi	2003-04	36.30	36.30	—	—	—
7. Gujarat	22	Heritage Village at Tera	2003-04	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	23	Village Hodka, Distt. Kachchh	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	24	Navagaon and Malegaon Villages, Distt. Dang	2003-04	92.70	27.81	—	—	—
8. Haryana	25	Jyotisar, Distt. Kurukshetra	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
9. Himachal Pradesh	26	Nagar, Distt. Kullu	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	27	Paragpur, Distt. Kangra Valley	2003-04	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
10. Jammu & Kashmir	28	Village Drung, Distt. Baramula	2005-06	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	29	Surinsar, Distt. Jammu	2005-06	50.00	40.00	2006-07	19.00	15.20
	30	Gagangir, Distt. Srinagar	2005-06	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	31	Village Pahalgam, Distt. Anantnag	2005-06	50.00	40.00	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	32	Village Jheri, 2005-06 Distt. Jammu		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
11. Karnataka	33	Kokkare Bellur, Distt. Bellur	2002-03	50.00	15.00	—	—	—
	34	Attiveri Bird Sanctuary, Distt. Uttara Kannada	2003-04	60.00	18.00	—	—	—
	35	Banavasi Distt. Uttara Kannada	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	36	Anegundi, Distt. Koppal	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	37	Coorg. Distt. Kodagu	2003-04	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
12. Kerala	38	Kumbalangi, Distt. Ernakulam	2003-04	50.00	50.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	39	Amamula, Distt. Pathanamthitta	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	40	Balrampur in Thiruvananthapuram Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	41	Village Kalady, Distt. Ernakulam for Spice Circuit	2006-07	47.20	37.76	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	42	Village Anakkara, Distt. Idukki for Spice Circuit	2006-07	50.00	40.00	2005-06	10.00	08.00
13. Madhya Pradesh	43	Harwa Village, Distt. Siddhi	2002-03	44.00	13.20	—	—	—
	44	Chaugan, Distt. Mandla	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	45	Pranpur, Distt. Ashoknagar	2003-04	48.00	38.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	46	Orchha, Distt. Tikamgarh	2005-06	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
14. Maharashtra	47	Sulibhanjan-Khulatabad Distt. Aurangabad	2003-04	50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15. Nagaland	48	Mopunchupket, 2002-03 Distt. Mokokchung		50.00	50.00	—	—	—
16. Orissa	49	Raghurajpur, 2002-03 Distt. Puri		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	17.60
	50	Pipli in Puri 2004-05 Distt.		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	51	Khiching, 2005-06 Distt. Mayurbhanj		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	52	Barpali, Distt. 2006-07 Bargarh		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	53	Barpali, Distt. 2006-07 Khurda		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	54	Padmanavpur, 2006-07 Distt. Ganjam		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	55	Deuljhari, 2006-07 Distt. Angul,		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
17. Punjab	56	Boothgarh, 2006-07 Distt. Hoshiarpur		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	57	Rajasansi, — Distt. Amritsar	—	—	—	2004-05	20.00	16.00
18. Rajasthan	58	Neemrana, 2003-04 Distt. Alwar		50.00	50.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	59	Samode 2003-04 Village, Distt. Jaipur		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	60	Haldighati, 2006-07 Distt. Rajsamand,		50.00	40.00	2004-05	19.32	15.45
19. Sikkim	61	Lachen in 2004-05 North Distt.		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
20. Tamil Nadu	62	Kazhugumalai 2003-04 Under rural tourism, Distt. Thoothukudi		48.66	38.94	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	63	Theerthamalai, 2003-04 Distt. Dharmapuri		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	64	Karaikudi, 2003-04 Chettinadu, Distt. Sivaganga		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	65	Devipattinam 2005-06 Navbhashnam in Ramnathpuram Distt.		50.00	40.00	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	66	Thirukurungudi, 2005-06 Distt. Tirunelveli		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	67	Thiruppudai- maurthur, Distt. Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu	2005-06	49.55	39.64	—	—	—
	68	Village Kombai, 2006-07 Distt. Theni, for Spice Circuit		50.00	40.00	2005-06	10.00	08.00
	69	Thadiyankudis- sai, Distt. Dindigul, for Spice Circuit	2006-07	50.00	40.00	2005-06	10.00	08.00
21. Tripura	70	Kamlasagar, 2002-03 Distt. West Tripura		42.92	13.48	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	71	Jampui Hills 2003-04 Distt. North Tripura		50.00	15.00	—	—	—
	72	Village Joychandrapur, Distt. North Tripura	2005-06	50.00	40.00	—	—	—
22. Uttaranchal	73	Jageshwar, 2002-03 Distt. Almora		50.00	50.00	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	74	Agora Village 2005-06 (Dodital) Uttar Kashi Distt.		48.50	38.80	—	—	—
	75	Mottad and its 2005-06 Satellite station		48.05	38.44	—	—	—
	76	Chekhoni Bora, 2005-06 Distt. Champawat.		44.20	35.28	—	—	—
	77	Koti, Indroli 2005-06		47.10	37.68	—	—	—
	78	Mana, Distt. 2005-06 Chamoli		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	79	Village Sari, 2005-06 Distt. Rudraprayag		45.14	36.00	—	—	—
23. Uttar Pradesh	80	Bhitar Gram, Distt. 2005-06 Rae Bareli		49.52	39.62	—	—	—
	81	Mukhrai, Distt. 2005-06 Mathura		45.89	36.00	—	—	—
	82	Bhguwala, Distt. Saharanpur	—	—	—	2004-05	20.00	16.00
24. West Bengal	83	Ballabhpur 2003-04 Danga, Distt. Birbhum		50.00	15.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	84	Sonada Village, 2004-05 Distt. Darjeeling		50.00	40.00	—	—	—
	85	Mukutmonipur, 2006-07 Distt. Bankura		50.00	40.00	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	TOTAL:			4087.26	3094.99		768.27	616.21

Whole night stay in Taj Mahal by foreign tourists

†686. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign tourists can stay in Taj Mahal for the whole night by paying a fixed amount;

(b) whether this facility will be granted to the Indian tourists also; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Letting of Houses to Tourists as paying guests

†687. SHRI JAI PARKASHAGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recommended to provide tax concession to star-hotels entertaining tourists in the Capital City of Delhi and go give licence to the owners of Houses in Delhi and in the national Capital Region for letting some of their rooms to the tourists or allowing them to stay as paying guests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of applications received by Government in this regard as on date?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Tourism Ministry recommends to give Infrastructure status to new three and four star hotels to be commissioned before 2010. The

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